UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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FOTOHAUS, LLC,	•	
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Plaintiff,	:	
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V.	:	Civil Action No.:
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TOCCI BUILDING CORPORATION,	:	COMPLAINT AND JURY
,	:	DEMAND

COMPLAINT FOR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff, FOTOHAUS, LLC ("Fotohaus" or "Plaintiff"), brings this complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts against TOCCI BUILDING CORPORATION ("Tocci" or "Defendant"), alleging as follows:

PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff is a limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of Florida, with an office located in Tallahassee, Florida.
- 2. On information and belief, Defendant is a Domestic Limited Liability Company existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with headquarters in Woburn, Massachusetts. Defendant is a construction management firm with over eighty (80) employees. Defendant owns, operates, and is solely responsible for the content on the website, www.tocci.com.

Defendant.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. This is a civil action seeking damages for copyright infringement under the copyright laws of the United States (17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.).
- 4. This Court has jurisdiction under 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.; 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question); and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) (copyright).
- 5. Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction in Massachusetts.
- 6. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c) and 1400(a) because the events giving rise to the claims occurred in this district, Defendant engaged in infringement in this district, Defendant resides in this district, and Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction in this district.
- 7. This Court also has personal jurisdiction over Defendant, and venue in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(a).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS

- 8. Plaintiff captured the photograph, "Sandwich" ("Copyrighted Photograph") on August 9, 2015 in Berlin, Germany. [Exhibit 1].
- 9. On or about between August 9, 2015 and September 3, 2015, Plaintiff posted Copyrighted Photograph to www.flickr.com/photos/17423713@N03/19810009724 (Last visited July 10, 2018). [Exhibit 2].
- 10. Plaintiff registered Copyrighted Photograph with the United States Copyright Office on September 16, 2015 (Registration No.: VA 1-972-438). [Exhibit 3].
- 11. Beginning on or about June 6, 2017, Defendant copied and posted Copyrighted Photograph to the Defendant's commercial website, www.tocci.com (Last visited July 10, 2018).
- 12. Defendant posted Copyrighted Photograph to the following URLs:

- www.tocci.com/2017/06/for-your-health-your-wallet
- www.tocci.com
 (Last visited May 22, 2017). [Exhibit 4].
- 13. Defendant posted Copyrighted Photograph to www.tocci.com/2017/06/for-your-health-your-wallet as the feature photograph accompanying the post "Bring Your Lunch for Your Health + Your Wallet." [Exhibit 4].
- 14. Defendant posted Copyrighted Photograph to www.tocci.com as a nearly full-page image on the website's landing page. [Exhibit 4].
- 15. Defendant copied and posted Copyrighted Photograph as described above without the permission or authorization of Fotohaus or Foster.

COUNT I: INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT PURSUANT TO 17 U.S.C. § 101 ET SEQ.

- 16. Plaintiff incorporates herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in each paragraph above.
- 17. Plaintiff is, and at all relevant times has been, the copyright owner or licensee of exclusive rights under United States copyright with respect to Copyrighted Photograph, which is the subject of a valid Certificate of Copyright Registration by the Register of Copyrights.
- 18. Among the exclusive rights granted to each Plaintiff under the Copyright Act are the exclusive rights to reproduce and distribute the Copyrighted Photograph to the public.
- 19. Plaintiff is informed and believes Defendant, without the permission or consent of Plaintiff, copied and used Copyrighted Photograph on Defendant's commercial website, www.tocci.com. In doing so, Defendant violated Plaintiff's exclusive rights of reproduction and distribution. Defendant's actions constitute infringement of Plaintiff's copyright and exclusive rights under copyright.

- 20. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the foregoing act of infringement was willful and intentional, in disregard of and with indifference to the rights of Plaintiff.
- 21. As a result of Defendant's infringement of Plaintiff's copyright and exclusive rights under copyright, Plaintiff is entitled to actual or statutory damages, including any profits realized by Defendant attributable to the infringement, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504 for Defendant's infringement of Copyrighted Photograph.

COUNT II: REMOVAL AND ALTERATION OF INTEGRITY OF COPYRIGHT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION PURSUANT TO 17 U.S.C. § 1202

- 22. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant, without the permission or consent of Plaintiff, knowingly and with the intent to conceal infringement, intentionally removed the copyright management information from Plaintiff's Copyrighted Photograph before displaying Copyrighted Photograph on Defendant's public website, www.tocci.com. In doing so, Defendant violated 17 U.S.C. § 1202(a)(1) and (b)(1).
- 23. As a result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages or statutory damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 1203(c). Plaintiff is further entitled to their attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 1203(b)(5).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant as follows:

- A. Declaring that Defendant's unauthorized conduct violates Plaintiff's rights under the Federal Copyright Act;
- B. Immediately and permanently enjoining Defendant, its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, representatives, attorneys, related companies, successors, assigns, and all others in active concert or participation with them from copying and republishing Plaintiff's

Copyrighted Photograph without consent or otherwise infringing Plaintiff's copyright or

other rights in any manner;

C. Ordering Defendant to account to Plaintiff for all gains, profits, and advantages derived by

Defendant by their infringement of Plaintiff's copyright or such damages as are proper, and

since Defendant intentionally infringed Plaintiff's copyright, for the maximum allowable

statutory damages for each violation;

D. Awarding Plaintiff actual and/or statutory damages for Defendant's copyright infringement

in an amount to be determined at trial;

E. Awarding Plaintiff his costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and disbursements in this action,

pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505, 17 U.S.C. § 1203(b)(3), and § 1203(b)(5); and

F. Awarding Plaintiff such other and further relief as is just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all claims for which there is a right to jury trial.

Respectfully submitted, FOTOHAUS, LLC, By its attorneys,

Dated: August 23, 2018

/s/ Michael P. Twohig

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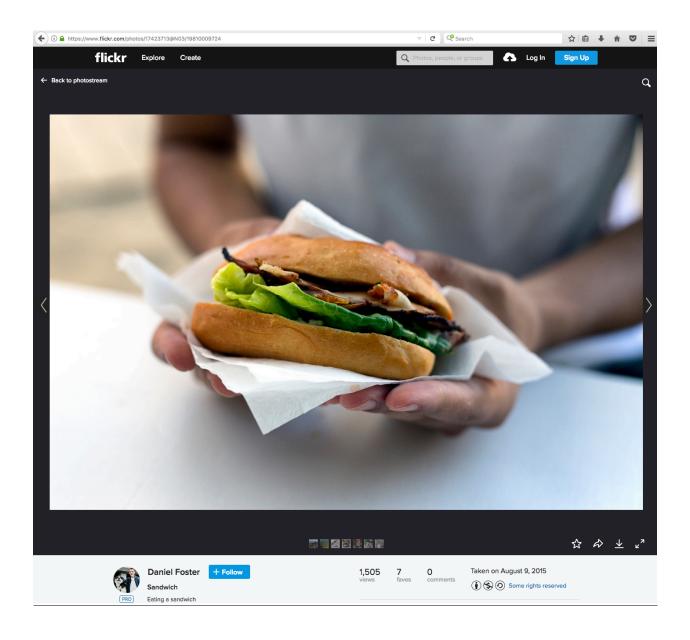
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Certificate of Registration This Certificate issued under the seal of the Copyright Office in accordance with title 17, United States Code, attests that registration has been made for the work **Registration Number** identified below. The information on this certificate has been made a part of the Copyright Office records. VA 1-972-438 Effective Date of Registration: September 16, 2015 Register of Copyrights, United States of America Title Title of Work: Group registration of 22 photographs published from June 27, 2015 - September 3, 2015 Content Title: Aerial View Architectural View At the Park in Berlin At the Summit of Montserrat Backpack Berliner Dom Berlin Portrait Berlin Portrait 2 Berlin Hipster Berlin Street **Business Work** Concrete Design Looking Ahead Mountain Peak Sandwich Setting a Bag Down Square Portrait Mountain Scenery Summer in the Park View from Below Walking with Backpack Page 1 of 2

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